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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER RECEIVES CREDENTIALS

1. AMBASSADOR YCAZA PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON FEBRUARY 17. THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED HIM IN THE OVAL OFFICE WITH YCAZA'S WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN. FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, THE PRESIDENT INVITED THE AMBASSADOR FOR A TALK WHICH LASTED 5 OR 10 MINUTES. NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI AND ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM LUERS SAT IN DURING THE DISCUSSION.

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2. AMBASSADOR YCAZA COMMENTED ON THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN ECUADOR AND THE UNITED STATES AND THE ANTICIPATION THAT LATIN AMERICA HAS FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S POSITIVE APPROACH TO LATIN AMERICA. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT LATIN AMERICANS REMEMBER THE OAS MEETING IN ATLANTA AND BELIEVE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS. THE PRESIDENT REPLIED

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THAT HE RETAINS HIS STRONG INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA.

3. IN DISCUSSING US/ECUADORIAN RELATIONS, THE AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT WE HAVE A FEW SMALL PROBLEMS BUT ONLY MINOR ONES. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT OUR PROBLEM OVER TUNA FISHING NO LONGER EXISTED AND AMBASSADOR

YCAZA AGREED THAT THOSE PROBLEMS WERE HOPEFULLY BEHIND US.

4. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT ECUADOR IS CONCERNED OVER THE ARMS BUILDUP IN PERU, STATING THAT WE ALSO WERE CONCERNED. THE PRESIDENT ASKED WHETHER THE AMBASSADOR BELIEVED THAT THE PERUVIANS REALLY INTENDED TO DO SOMETHING WITH THEIR ARMAMENTS. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT ECUADOR HAS HAD SOME BAD EXPERIENCES IN THE 'AST WITH PERU. THE PRESIDENT INQUIRED WHETHER ECUADOR HAS EXPRESSED ITS CONCERNS DIRECTLY TO THE PERUVIAN GOVERN-MENT. THE AMBASSADOR SAID ECUADOR HAS PUBLICLY EXPRESSED ITS CONCERNS AND HAS ALSO RAISED THE ISSUE IN THE UNITED NATIONS. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THERE WAS A SEVERE IMBALANCE IN THE PRESENT FORCE STRENGTHS BETWEEN PERU AND ECUADOR. HE STRESSED THAT ECUADOR'S NEEDS WERE TO RESTORE THAT BALANCE. ECUADOR HAS LIMITED RESOURCES BUT ITS GOVERNMENT IS OBLIGED TO LEAVE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION A STABLE AND PEACEFUL WORLD WHICH ONLY CAN BE ACHIEVED IF ECUADOR IS CAPABLE OF DEFENDING ITSELF. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE AGREED THIS WAS THE ONLY COURSE TO TAKE AND WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL IN SEEKING PEACE IN THE AREA. AMBASSADOR YCAZA IMMEDIATELY REPLIED, "THEN YOU SHOULD ALLOW US TO CONFIDENTIAL

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BUY THOSE PLANES.; THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT WE HAVE A LONGSTANDING POLICY OF NOT SELLING SOPHISTICATED AIRCRAFT IN LATIN AMERICA. HE SAID, THAT WE ARE EXAMINING OUR OVERALL ARMS SALES POLICY IN THE AREA, AND LOOKING AT THE IMBALANCES THAT EXIST IN THE EFFORT TO DETERMINE A US POLICY THAT WOULD SUPPORT PEACE AND STABILITY. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED THE PRESIDENT IF HE BELIEVED IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A BALANCE OF FORCES. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE DID.

5. THE PRESIDENT ASKED ABOUT ECUADOR'S ECONOMIC SITUATION. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT FOR A SMALL COUNTRY WHOSE LIVELIHOOD WAS DERIVED FROM AGRO INDUSTRIES, THE SMALL PETROLEUM EXPORTS WERE HELPFUL. ECUADOR WAS SEEKING TO USE THE EARNINGS FROM THOSE EXPORTS TO DEVELOP THE COUNTRY'S PERMANENT MEANS OF LIVLIHOOD IN THE AREA OF AGRO-INDUSTRIES.

6. AT THE CLOSE OF THE DISCUSSION, THE PRESIDENT SAID

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THAT HE HOPED THE AMBASSADOR WOULD FEEL FREE TO CALL
THE SECRETARY OF STATE DIRECTLY WHEN ANYTHING
AROSE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE.
THE PRESIDENT ALSO SAID THAT IF IT WAS NECESSARY, THE
AMBASSADOR SHOULD FEEL FREE TO CALL HIM DIRECTLY.

7. THE PRESIDENT SAID GOOD BY TO THE AMBASSADOR
AND HIS FAMILY IN SPANISH.
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